

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace lines 12-23 at page 4 with the following two paragraphs:

-- It is the ready provision of such a choice of display at each of a plurality of a digital television sets provided a distributed network that is at the heart of the present invention.

With regard to FIG. 2, there is illustrated a block diagram of a digital television set 34 as currently known in the art. The digital television set 34 comprises a receiving unit 36 for receiving incoming digital TV signals which are then delivered to a smart card module 38 comprising, in series, a demultiplexer 40 for receiving and separating signals from the incoming digital signal received at the receiver 36, and a deciphering unit 42 in the form of a cryptographic engine which operates, under a control of decoding authorization data such as cryptographic key information 44, so as to decipher the coded signals output from the demultiplexer 40.--

Replace lines 4-16 at page 6 with the following paragraph:

-- Also illustrated in FIG. 3 is a signal distribution network 72 that serves to link the distributed digital television sets of the system 52 and which is advantageously arranged to provide for secure transmission of the decoding authorization data and in general provide for a two-way data transfer between the cryptographic engines of one television set and smart card modules of ~~in other~~ another television set. The data exchange provided by the local network 72 is advantageously achieved via a network formed by standard radio frequency feeder cables that exist within known television distribution systems. The use of a single signal distribution network 72 can therefore advantageously be provided between receivers in a domestic environment and, to further illustrate this

example, the frequency spectrum below 50 MHz can advantageously be employed for the transfer of decoding authorization data since such spectrum is not otherwise employed in a VHF/UHF television distribution system.--